



PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2022 AT 5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. RECIEVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Each individual who would like to address the Committee will be permitted up to three minutes for their comments

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Public Safety and Welfare meeting minutes from August 3, 2022

4. BUSINESS

A. Review and take possible action: Speeding concern on S. Church Street between Stimpson and Boomer Streets

B. Review and take possible action: An Ordinance to Amend Section 500-9 A. Parking prohibited in specified places – Dayton Street

C. Review and take possible action: An Ordinance to Amend Section 500-9 A. Parking prohibited in specified places – W. Main Street

D. Review and take possible action: Remove S. Water Street between Main and W. Milwaukee Street as a designated truck route

E. Review and take possible action: Pavement marking installation on S. Concord Avenue between East Main Street and Western Avenue

F. Review and take possible action: Possible improvements to on-street parking on Dodge Street between 5th and 6th Streets

G. Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Dodge and S. 3rd Street

H. Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Division and N. 4th Streets

5. ADJOURN

Persons requiring other reasonable accommodations for any of the above meetings, may contact the office of the City Clerk at mdunneisen@CityofWatertown.org, phone 920-262-4006

A quorum of any City of Watertown Council, Committee, Board, Commission, or other body, may be present at this meeting for observing and gathering of information only

PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Section 3, Item A.

August 3, 2022

The Committee met at 5:30 p.m. in Room 0041 of the Municipal Building. Members present were Alderpersons Dana Davis, Eric Schmid, Will Licht and Fred Smith. Also in attendance was Police Chief Robert Kaminski (arrived at 6:35 PM), Assistant City Engineer Andrew Beyer, Alex Allon representing the RDA (who was present by phone), and Alderperson Jonathon Lampe.

NOTE: Due to the fact that an incorrect phone number was part of the official meeting notice for attending remotely, this option was not available for this meeting.

1. **Roll Call:** All Committee members were present.
2. **Receive comments from the public:** No person wished to speak at this opportunity in the agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** There was no meeting in July and no minutes needed approval.

Agenda Item 4.D and E were moved up for the convenience of those attending the meeting.

4.D Public Hearing for a proposed structure within the public right-of-way on S. Water Street: The RDA has requested our committee consider the installation of a large “community table” as part of the Town Square project and the reconstruction of S. Water Street. The RDA is requesting that the table be located within the right-of-way of S. Water Street on the library side of the street. A variance to occupy the right-of-way requires a public hearing before the Public Safety and Welfare Committee. The Public Hearing was opened and Alderman Lampe presented the concept justifying the requested variance. He stated the proposed location of the table is also requested by the Library Board, which hopes the variance will be approved to allow the placement of the table in front of the library’s large windows along S. Water Street facing the river. This will allow for inviting and maximum utility of the table and will add a safety factor to protect pedestrians and the library windows. Alex Allon related the fact that the table, which is extremely heavy, will remain in place throughout the year and will require only minimal maintenance. No one else wished to speak at the Public Hearing and it was closed.

4.E Review and take possible action on the variance request in Item 4.D above: The requested Variance for encroachment in the S. Water Street right-of-way was very positively received. The Committee felt it would be a very attractive addition to the combined Town Square area and adjoining Library frontage. It was also felt that any perceived encroachment would be marginal and that its value in enhancing the community’s use and enjoyment of the Town Square made it a very positive addition. A motion was made by Alderperson Davis, seconded by Alderperson Licht, to approve the request for the requested variance. This motion carried unanimously. **ACTION: No additional ACTION is required.**

4.A, B, and C Review and take possible action: Possible improvements to on-street parking on Dodge Street between 5th and 6th Streets; Addressing parking concern at the intersection of Dodge and S. 3rd Street; and Addressing parking concern at the intersection of Division and N. 4th Street: Each of these three concerns required information and perspective from the Police Department and due to the Chief’s unavailability (although he arrived just prior to adjournment) the items were all unanimously tabled until a future meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Alderperson Licht, seconded by Alderperson Schmid, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Smith, Chairman

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MEMO

TO: Chairperson Fred Smith and Committee Members

FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.

DATE: September 1, 2022

RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda item for the above referenced Committee meeting:

- Review and take possible action: Speeding concern on S. Church Street between Stimpson and Boomer Streets

BACKGROUND:

Review and take possible action: Speeding concern on S. Church Street between Stimpson and Boomer Streets:

Alderperson Wetzel received concerns from a few constituents that they witness too many vehicles speeding on S. Church Street between Stimpson and Boomer Streets. They are asking is there anything the City can do to stop the speeding. A site map is attached for your use.

Attachments:

Site Map



Parcels



City of Watertown Geographic Information System

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BACKGROUND:

General:

As part of the 2022 Annual Street & Utility Project, the block of Dayton Street between Clement Street and West Main Street was widened to accommodate semi-truck turn patterns. The design engineer, RE Lee & Associates, has recommended pavement marking installation on West Main Street & on Dayton Street to channelize traffic and improve intersection safety. Installing pavement marking will result in a loss of parking on both Dayton Street and West Main Street. Affected residents were contacted via US Mail and were invited to attend the September 7, 2022 meeting.

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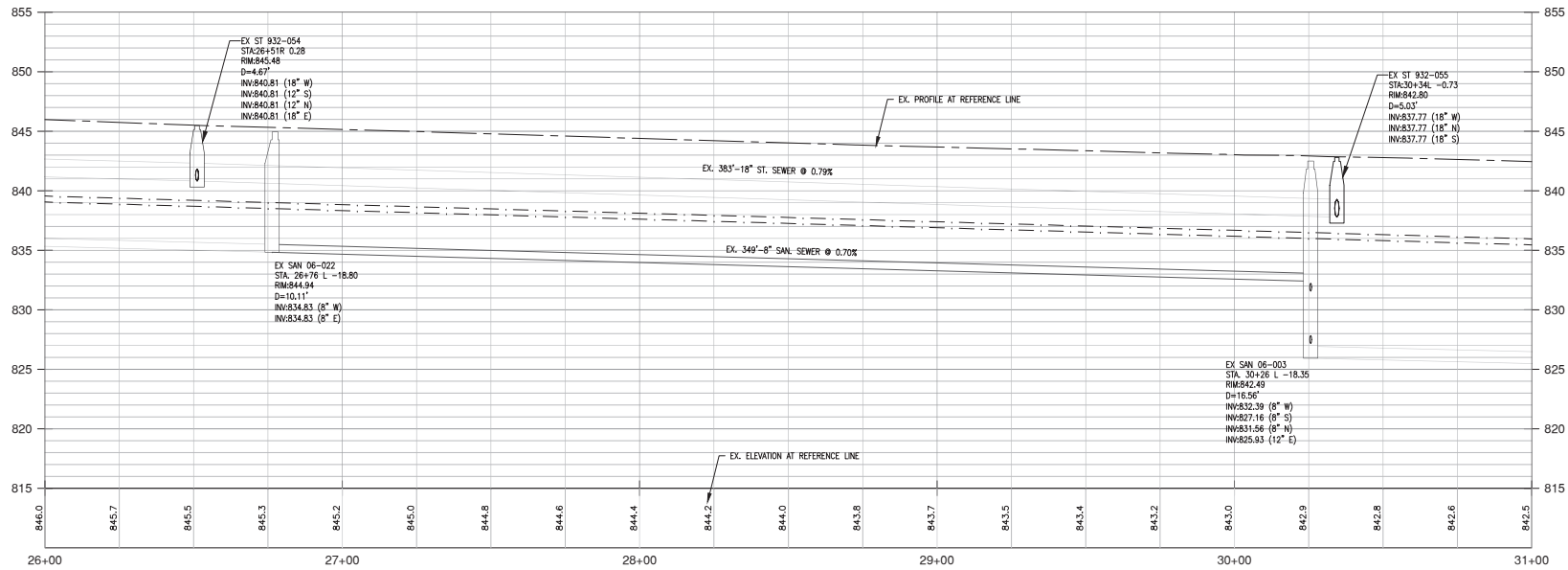
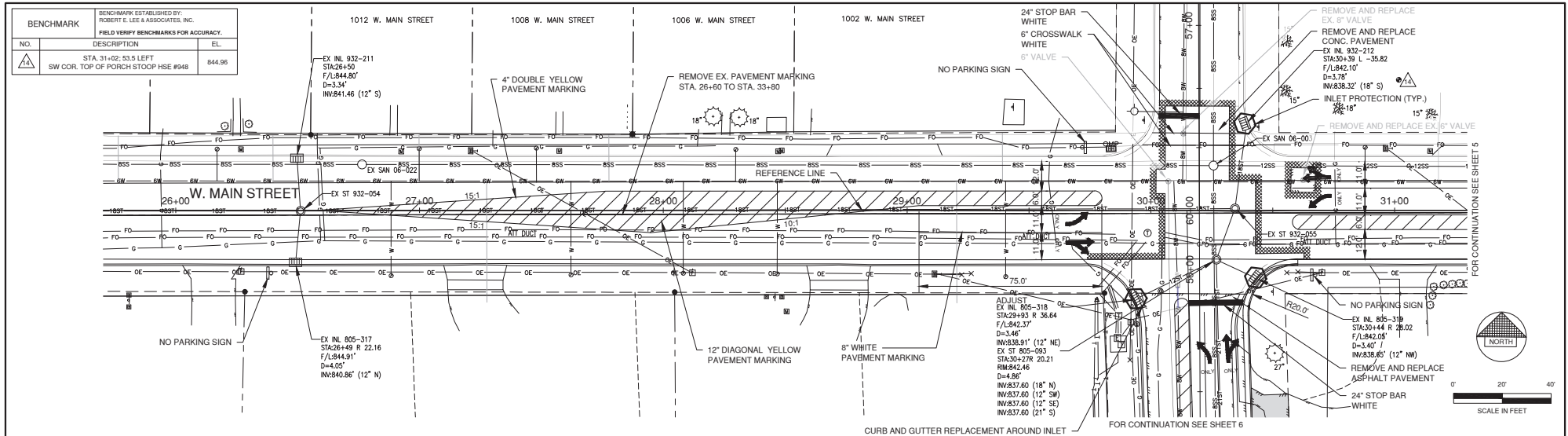
The draft ordinance is attached for review. Proposed prohibited parking area is on both sides of Dayton Street between Clement Street and West Main Street. A site map is attached for reference.

Review and take possible action: An Ordinance to Amend Section 500-9 A. Parking prohibited in specified places – W. Main Street

The draft ordinance is attached for review. Proposed prohibited parking area is on both sides of West Main Street, 330 feet east of Dayton Street and 330 feet west of Dayton Street. A site map is attached for reference.

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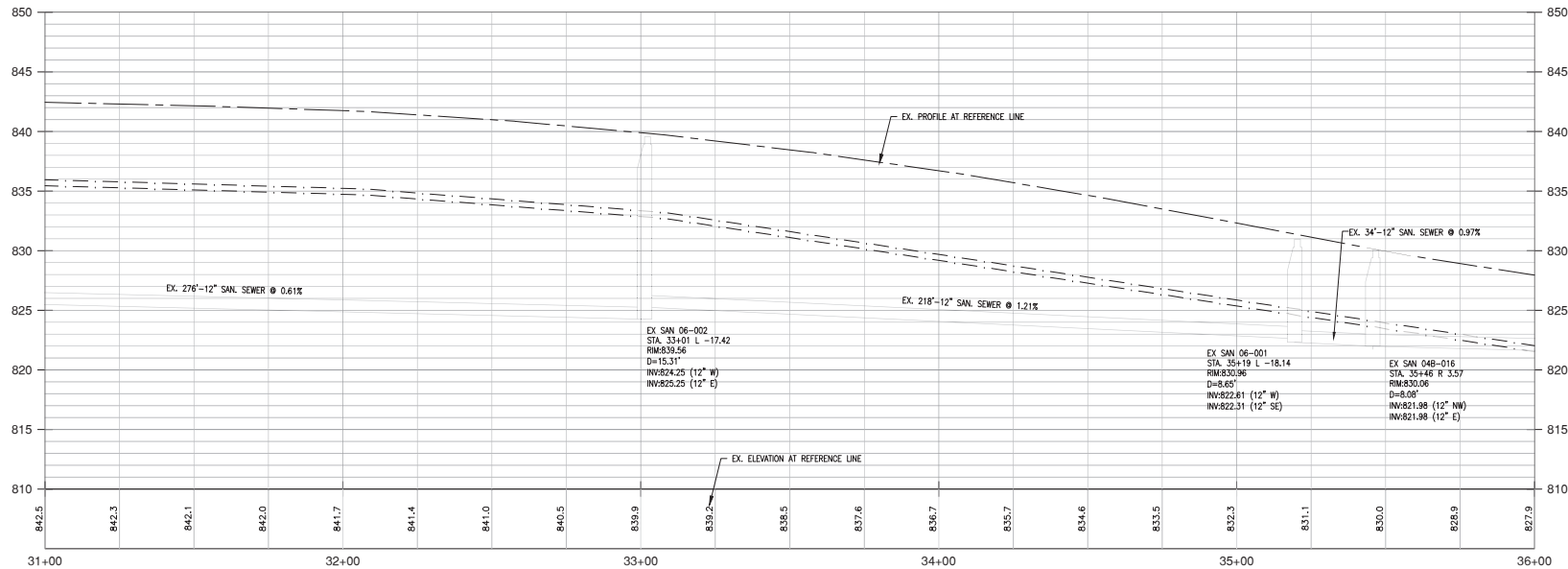
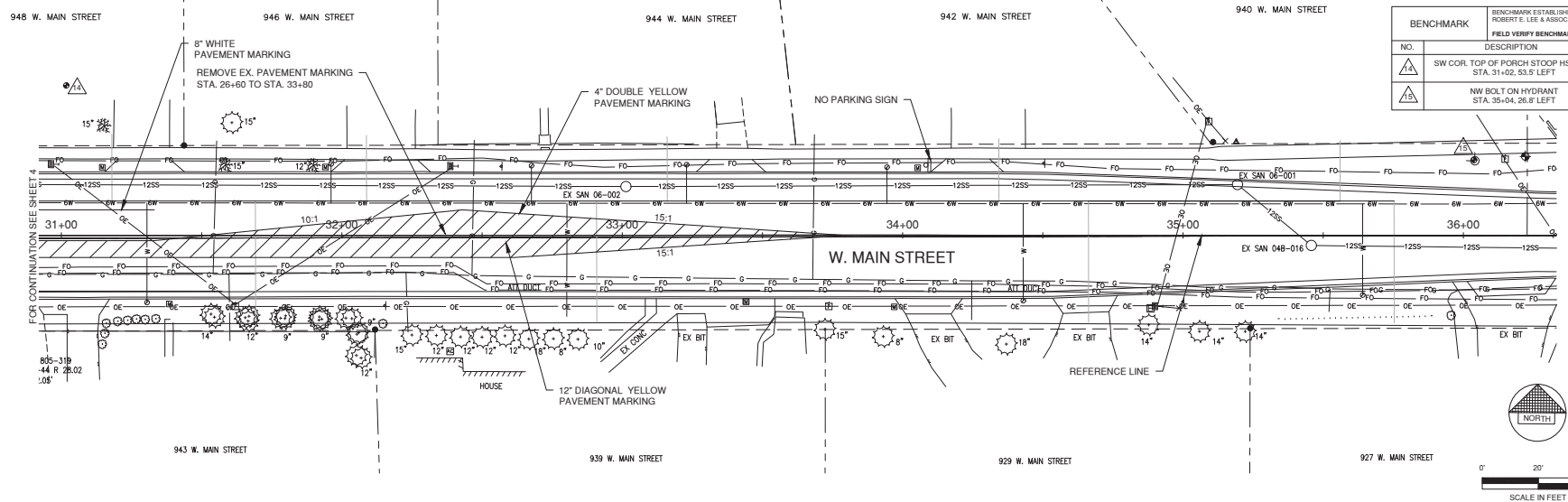
Draft ordinances (2)
2022 Construction Plan Set sheets (3)
Site Map



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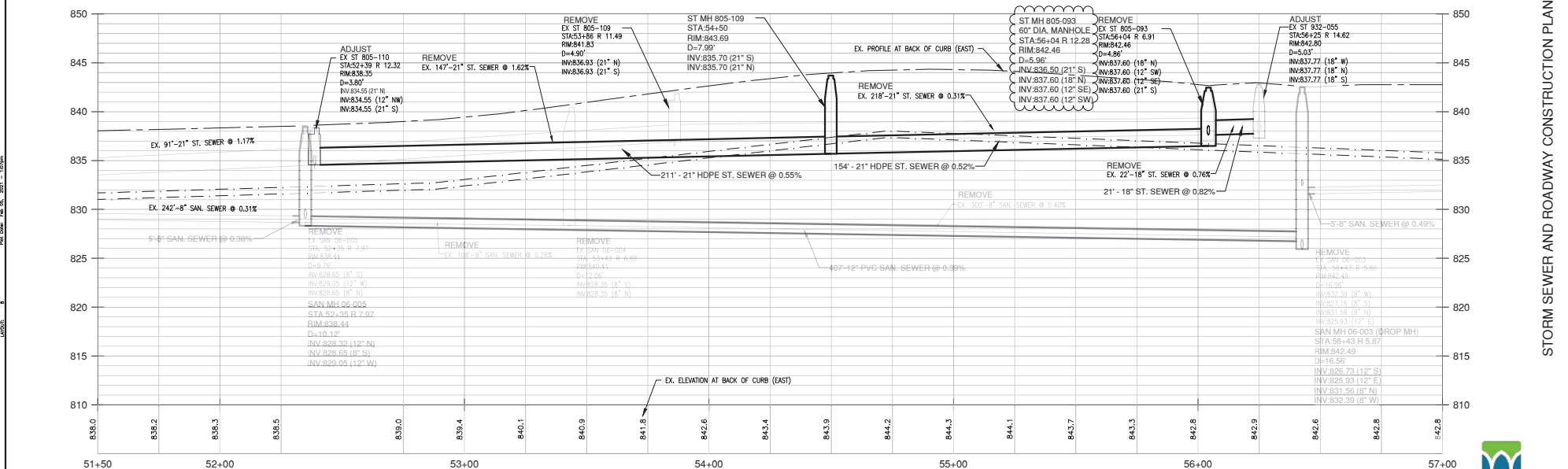
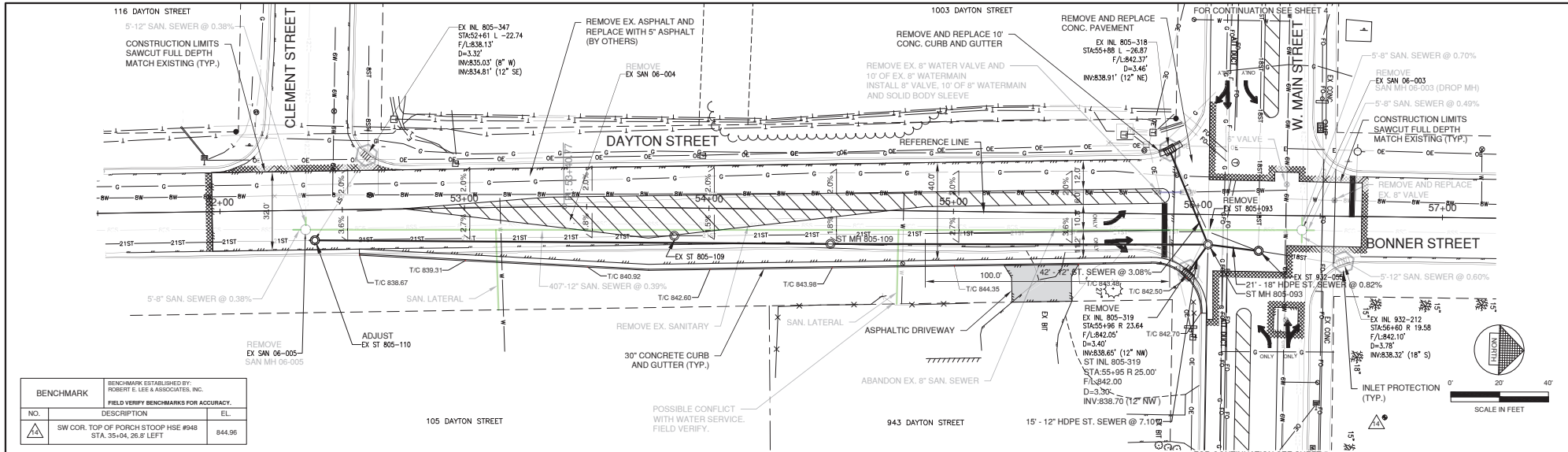


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STORM SEWER AND ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION PLANS



Lines

 Prohibited Parking Area

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 500-9 A. PARKING PROHIBIED IN SPECIFIED PLACES OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN GENERAL ORDINANCES

**SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON FRED SMITH
FROM: PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 500-9. Parking prohibited in specified places, is hereby amended to add the following;

Name of Street	Side	Location
Dayton Street	West	From Clement Street to W. Main Street
Dayton Street	East	From Clement Street to W. Main Street

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

DATE:	September 20, 2022		October 4, 2022	
READING:	1ST		2ND	
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SECTION 1. Section 500-9. Parking prohibited in specified places, is hereby amended to add the following;

Name of Street	Side	Location
W Main Street	North	From the west line of Bonner Street, westerly 330 feet thereof
W Main Street	North	From the east line of Bonner Street, easterly 330 feet thereof
W Main Street	South	From the west line of Dayton Street, westerly 330 feet thereof
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MEMO

TO: Chairperson Fred Smith and Committee Members

FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.

DATE: September 1, 2022

RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Following are the agenda items for the above referenced Committee meeting:

- Review and take possible action: Remove S. Water Street between Main and W. Milwaukee Street as a designated truck route

BACKGROUND:

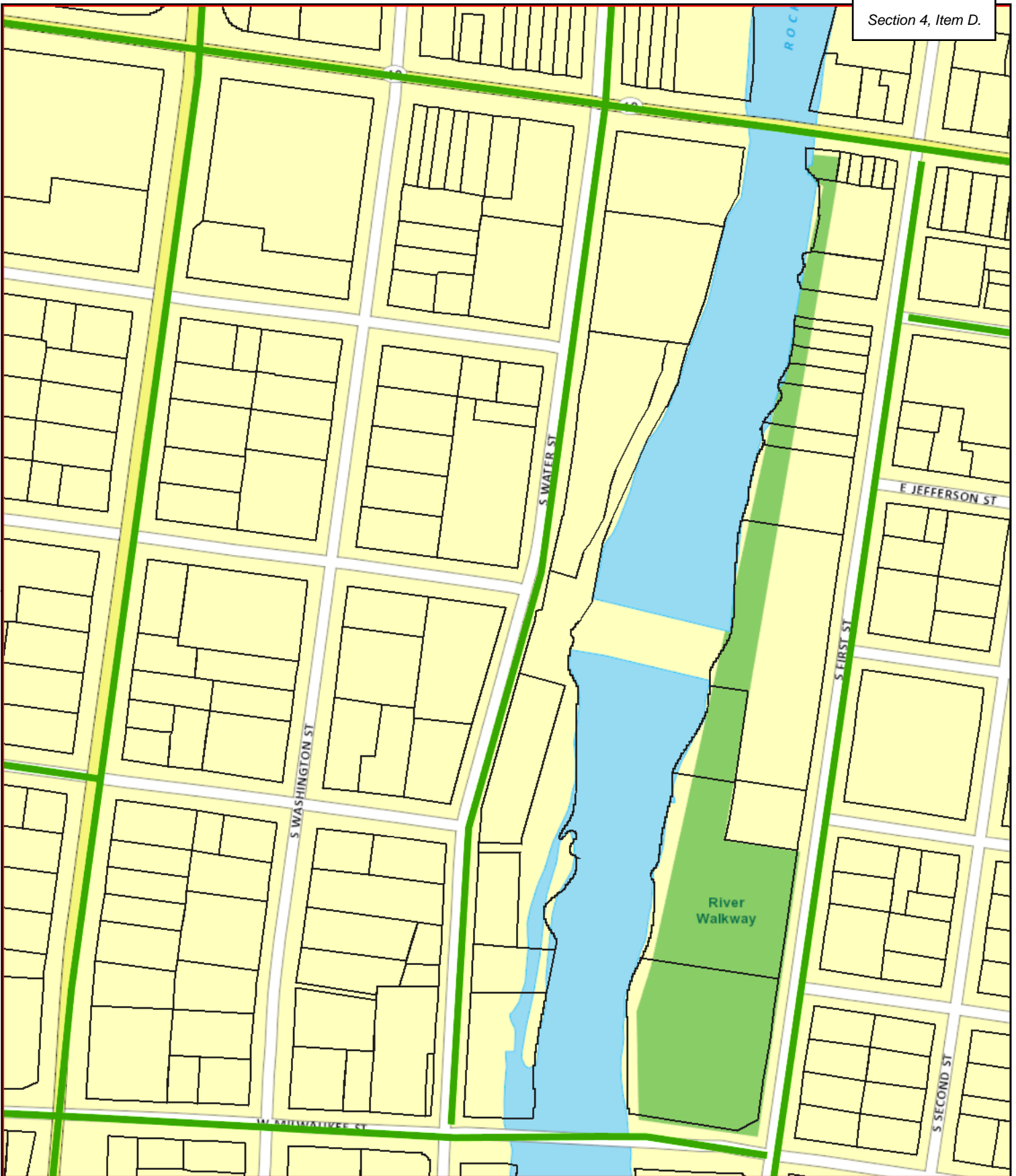
Review and take possible action: Remove S. Water Street between Main and W. Milwaukee Street as a designated truck route

About 150 feet of S. Water Street south of Main Street is being reconstructed as a curbless concrete street as part of the larger Town Square project. The cross section of this section of S. Water Street is being narrowed and the turning radii at Main Street are being reduced.

Currently, S. Water Street between Main Street and W. Milwaukee Street is a designated truck route. Given the new cross section and intended use of S. Water Street adjacent to the Town Square, the presence of other area designated truck routes on S. First Street and S. Church Street, and the lack of industrial businesses on S. Water Street that would need to utilize S. Water Street as a truck route (most of this area is residential), it appears that it is no longer appropriate to use S. Water Street from Main Street to W. Milwaukee Street as a truck route. A site map and a draft ordinance to remove S. Water Street designation as a truck route between Main Street and W. Milwaukee Street are attached for review.

Attachments:

Site Map
Draft Ordinance



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Truck Routes



City of Watertown Geographic Information System

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**ORDINANCE TO
REPEAL SECTION 500-8(A), HEAVY TRAFFIC ROUTES
OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN GENERAL ORDINANCES**

**SPONSOR: CHAIRPERSON FRED SMITH
FROM: PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 500-8(A), Heavy Traffic Routes is hereby amended to read and repeal as follows:

- A. Routes established. The following streets in the City of Watertown are hereby designated as heavy traffic routes under the provision of § 349.17, Wis. Stats.:

Name of Street	Location
Air Park Drive [Added by Ord. No. 01-17]	From State Trunk Highway 26 to South Twelfth Street
Bernard Street	From West Street to South Church Street
Boomer Street and its south extension	From South Church Street to the south City limits
Clark Street [Amended by Ord. No. 11-18]	From South Twelfth Street to South Concord Avenue
Commerce Drive	From Milford Street to American Way
Dakota Street	From River Drive to Hart Street
Dayton Street	From West Main Street to West Street
Dodge Street [Added 7-6-2021 by Ord. No. 21-29]	From South First Street to South Third Street
East Cady Street	From the Rock River to North Fourth Street
East Madison Street	From North Fourth Street to North Third Street
East Main Street (STH 19)	From downtown Rock River Bridge to Summit Avenue
East Milwaukee Street	From the Rock River to South First Street
Gateway Drive [Added by Ord. No. 01-17]	From State Trunk Highway 26 to Air Park Drive
Hart Street	From Dakota Street to South Twelfth Street
Humboldt Street	From Clark Street to Richards Avenue
Lafayette Street	From South Church Street to South Montgomery Street

Market Street	From South First Street to South Fourth Street
Milford Street	From West Milwaukee Street southwest to the City limits
North Church Street (STH 26)	From the north City limits to West Main Street
North Fourth Street	From East Main Street to the north City limits
North Second Street	From East Main Street to Cole Street
North Third Street	From East Main Street to East Madison Street
North Water Street	From West Main Street to West Cady Street
Perry Way	From Commerce Drive to the west City limits
Richards Avenue	From Humboldt Street to South Concord Avenue
River Drive	From South Third Street to Stimpson Street
River Drive [Added by Ord. No. 03-28]	From Stimpson Street to Boomer Street. [Temporary heavy traffic route during the STH 26 (South Church Street) reconstruction project in 2003.]
South Church Street (STH 26)	From West Main Street to the south City limits
South Concord Avenue	From East Main Street to the east City limits
South First Street	From East Main Street to Western Avenue
South Fourth Street	From East Main Street to Western Avenue
South Montgomery Street	From Lafayette Street to West Milwaukee Street
South Tenth Street	From Western Avenue to Hart Street
South Third Street	From East Main Street to Hart Street
South Twelfth Street	From Western Avenue to the south City limits
South Water Street	From West Main Street to West Milwaukee Street
Stimpson Street	From River Drive to South Church Street
Summit Avenue	From East Main Street to the east City limits
United States Highway 16 Bypass	From the east City limits to the north City limits
West Cady Street	From North Church Street to the Rock River
Western Avenue	From South First Street to South Fourth Street
Western Avenue	From South Tenth Street to Concord Avenue
Western Avenue [Added by Ord. No. 03-6]	From South Fourth Street to South Tenth Street. [Temporary heavy traffic route during the STH 26 (South Church Street) reconstruction project in 2003.]
West Milwaukee Street	From South Montgomery Street to the Rock River
West Main Street (STH 19)	From the west City limits to the downtown bridge over the Rock River

West Street

From Milford Street to the west City limits

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- Review and take possible action: Pavement marking installation on S. Concord Avenue between East Main Street and Western Avenue

BACKGROUND:

Review and take possible action: Pavement marking installation on S. Concord Avenue between East Main Street and Western Avenue

A resident has requested that the Public Safety & Welfare Committee revisit S. Concord Avenue Pavement Marking. The Committee reviewed pavement marking on S. Concord Avenue in 2017. Meeting minutes detailing Committee discussion on this topic in 2017 are attached as a reference in addition to the resident's email request for Committee review. Pavement marking a double yellow centerline on S. Concord Avenue between East Main Street and Western Avenue would come at a cost of about \$3,000.

Attachments:

Review and take possible action:

Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2017
Email
Site Map

9/19/17

PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

September 06, 2017

The Committee met at 5:00 pm in room 0008 of the Municipal Building. Members present were; Alderpersons Kurt Larson, Emily McFarland, and Tim Raether, Mayor John David, Police Chief Tim Roets, City Engineer Jaynellen Holloway, City Civil Engineer Andrew Beyer, City Engineering Project Manager Jay Haberkorn, Street Superintendent Rick Schulz, Park & Rec Manager Cindi Braasch. Alderperson Ken Berg. City residents and interested persons in attendance included; Bill Feutz, Larry Falk, Lisa Falk, Kyle Zarnowski, Shia Zarnowski, Chris Hernet, Lisa Zuehlke, Becky Burg, Jeannine Anderson, Susan Willing, Trina Schneider, Jim Romlein, Amanda J. Groves, Tara J. Melton, Amy Litscher, Lori-Fort-Hoerig, Greg Hoffmann, Melody Hoffmann, Laurie Hoffmann, Kris Kerr, Diane Tuhy, Jamie Drefahl.

1. Request to Review Ordinance 410-45, Dangerous & Vicious Dogs – Review Breed Specific Language (Pit Bulls):

City resident Mr. Bill Feutz discussed an incident that occurred with his spouse last September 2016. She was bitten by a pit bull in her face, particularly severe around the nose and is still recovering from this attack. His concern is to try to prevent this on future occurrences with other residents. He stated that he is not against people owning pit bulls but believes that this dog was not leashed and properly restrained to prevent this incident. He urges dog owners and residents to work together to prevent these occurrences – in particular paying attention to the leash law and other proper dog restraint sections of the ordinance.

Chief Roets spoke about the enforcement of this ordinance since it was enacted about 4 years ago. His Officers and the Humane Officers take this ordinance seriously and have developed more effective practices with their methods. As an example, euthanasia is now recommended for dealing with dogs classified as dangerous versus moving this issue to another community. His Officers, the Humane Officers and the city Attorney's office have been prompt and consistent in dealing with these events. Chief stated that dog owners and non-dog owners need to respect and communicate with each other and involve the Police and Humane Officers with any issues that arise.

Alderperson McFarland stated that she is hesitant to make any changes to the current ordinance, believes that the ordinance is working to prevent/minimize incidents with dangerous and vicious dogs. Alderperson Larsen is not in favor of adding any specific breed considerations into the ordinance.

Resident Laurie Hoffman, a dog owner, shared that she has experienced other dogs in her neighborhood not on leashes when walking her dog and sometimes feels threatened in these cases – she encouraged the people in attendance to notify the police when met with these circumstances. Greg Hoffman spoke in support of the ordinance and commended the Police department with their work with this ordinance.

Resident Jim Romlein also favors the current ordinance. Appreciates that the Police department evaluates each situation on its own merits and proceeds fairly based on these decisions.

Action: The Committee supports the current ordinance as written. Urged residents to be aware of this ordinance and apply it in their situations as either dog owners or non-dog owners. No other current action is required.

Note: Majority of City residents and interested persons left the meeting at this point.

2. Review Request to place Pavement Markings on S. Concord Ave. from E. Main St. south to Richards Ave:

A city resident is requesting the City consider placing pavement marking on S. Concord Ave to address;

- a) Cars often parked on both sides, particularly from Western Ave to Main St, there is ample room for traffic to safely pass in both directions. Yet some drivers seem to require a wider than necessary safety margin on their right side and either crowd or take the center of the road. Believe that this could be alleviated by painting a double center line in this area.
- b) Northbound drivers who are turning left onto Main often first turn a bit to the right to more easily see cars coming from the east on Main St. this often blocks the possibility of drivers behind them from turning right, who could otherwise do so in absence of traffic from the west. Not sure if Concord Ave is wide enough at Main to accommodate a suggestion to mark a right turn only lane at the curb side and a left/straight-ahead lane in the center.

Discussion on a) that a center lane was previously marked on Concord Ave from Main Street south approximately 150 feet. City Engineering and Street Department discussed costs of marking the stretch on Concord from Main Street to Richards Ave. Chief Roets suggested marking the original 150 feet on this stretch and he and City Engineer Holloway agreed that this should be the first step and then evaluate this action on the intended solution?

Item b) was discussed, City Engineering Project Manager Jay Haberkorn explained that there is not enough width to the street to allow a right turn and left/straight turn lanes to be provided. This could be reviewed with a future reconstruction of the intersection.

Aldersperson Larsen made a motion to mark a double yellow line on Concord Ave from Main Street to a point approximately 150 feet to the south and then follow up for effectiveness of this action, seconded by Aldersperson McFarland and the motion carried unanimously.

Action: City Engineering and Street Department will request costs of these lane markings on the 2018 budget and have epoxy paint applied when this activity occurs next year. No action will occur on item b).

3. Request to Review Vandalism on Rotary Island Picnic Tables at Riverside Park:

A city resident is requesting that the City address vandalism on Rotary Island picnic tables. The resident provided photos of vulgar language and symbols placed on picnic tables. This damage occurred just before or during Riverfest and remained here during the festival.

Park & recreation Manager Cindi Braasch and Street Superintendent Rick Schulz stated that their employees constantly battle these vandalism incidents and all of the picnic tables used at Riverfest were painted before the event. Chief Roets agreed with the constant vigilance required to address vandalism. Security cameras exist at the park in the pavilion and parking lot areas, not located everywhere.

All Departments stated that they will continue to pursue, prevent and minimize these incidents as possible and they all share the same concerns with the resident who reported this incident. All Alderspersons present acknowledge the difficulty in completely eliminating these incidents.

Action: All Departments will continue to monitor vandalism occurrences and continue to review their departmental policies to address.

4. Request to Review Speeding on Boughton Street east of 16 Frontage Road:

City Civil Engineer Andrew Beyer received a request from a city resident in regards to addressing speeding vehicles on Boughton Street heading east out of town. Engineer Beyer conveyed this information to Chief Roets and the Police Department took actions to address this request.

Chief Roets reported that the Police Department spent a minimum of 5 hours of radar time in this area and had 10 traffic stops. Citations were issued as appropriate for these stops. Decided to follow up with the resident who brought this matter forward and continue to monitor this area.

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Action: Engineer Beyer will contact the resident for a follow up on the action taken and encourage them to provide future feedback with their concern in this area.

5. Review & Discuss the top five Traffic Vehicle Crash Locations in Watertown:

Chief Roets presented a summary report prepared from the Traffic Crash reporting tool now used by the department. The top locations reported include Church Street / Main Street, Main Street / Corner Street, Church Street / Milwaukee Street, Main Street / Water Street and 4 locations tied for 5th most reported crashes.

Chief Roets has shared this data with the City Engineering department for their review of this data. Committee discussion occurred on the information provided with some possible common causes such as parking involvement occurring at the Main Street / Corner Street location.

Action: This data will be shared and discussed between the Police and Engineering Departments along with other applicable departments as determined to look at any actionable items. Follow up will occur with the Public Safety and Welfare Committee on an approximate 6 month basis to review updated information and any actions taken as a result of this information.

6. Review Proposed Roadway Locations for permanent Speed Board Indicators:

Chief Roets provided survey information from his officers in regards to their recommendations for placement of permanent speed board indicators. These radar feedback signs will display speed information to vehicles approaching the location where placed. Agreed among the committee that these are generally effective to discourage speeding in areas where present. Top recommendations include; vehicles entering the city on South Church Street, Milford Street, South Concord Avenue and Summit Avenue.

Committee discussion agreed to pursue obtaining these signs over several years by including in budget requests.

Action: Street Superintendent Schultz will include two signs in the 2018 budget request. Will review the effectiveness of these signs when placed and decide on additional requests in subsequent years' budgets.

As no other business was scheduled for the commission, motion made by Alderperson Larson to adjourn, seconded by Alderperson McFarland. Meeting adjourned at 6:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Raether, Chairman

From: [Mike Klaus](#)
To: [Jaynellen Holloway](#)
Subject: Re: Fw: Pavement marking on Concord Avenue
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 12:58:57 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks for getting back to me regarding lane markings on South Concord Ave, from the PS&W minutes, item 2, of Sept 6, 2017.

Regarding:

a.) Center striping the street southward to at least Western Ave. The notes reflect painting stripes for 150 feet south of Main Street as a first step, then re-evaluating this step as an effective solution. This 150 foot striped section actually did little to alleviate the condition I brought forth, which is well described in the minutes. In the nearly five years since this preliminary action was taken, it is my observation that the number of parked vehicles along both sides of South Concord from Main to Western has actually increased, thereby exacerbating the issue. It remains my contention that a center stripe would signal to drivers that there is adequate clearance in the driving lanes to pass the parked vehicles without crossing the centerline, allowing for smoother traffic flow.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Mike

PS. Ellen forwarded your email to me. You probably had her address from working together with the Historic Preservation Committee.

On Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 6:14 PM Ellen Klaus <ellenlux@hotmail.com> wrote:

From: Jaynellen Holloway <jaynellenh@CityofWatertown.org>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 6:13 PM
To: ellenlux@hotmail.com <ellenlux@hotmail.com>
Cc: Andrew Beyer <AndrewB@CityofWatertown.org>
Subject: Pavement marking on Concord Avenue

Mike, I am using the email I had for you when you sat on Public Works Commission, I hope it is still accurate.

I've attached the minutes from the September 6, 2017 Public Safety & Welfare Committee meeting (see Item 2) as it pertains to striping Concord Avenue. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me. Thank you.

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MEMO

TO: Chairperson Fred Smith and Committee Members

FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.

DATE: July 1, 2022

RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Following are the agenda items for the above referenced Committee meeting:

- Review and take possible action: Possible improvements to on-street parking on Dodge Street between South 5th and 6th Streets

BACKGROUND:

Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Dodge between 5th & 6th Streets: Alderperson Bartz forwarded to Engineering a letter from a resident. The resident shared her concerns about parking in and around Dodge Street, and parking in the downtown area in general. Her request is that the City review parking on Dodge between 5th & 6th Streets and reply back to her on how the City can improve parking in these areas. NOTE: The City no longer paints curb lines on either side of driveways. What we have moved to in the past decade is placing orange/pink painted lath on either side of driveways as a way to remind people parking in that area to not park right up to the edge of the drive. Code is that you cannot park closer than 4 feet either side of a driveway. The resident's letter and site map are attached for your use.

ATTACHMENTS

Review and take possible action: Possible improvements to on street parking on Dodge Street between South 5th and 6th Streets:

- Resident Letter
- Site Map

April 25, 2022

Dan Bartz and the Public Safety Committee,

As a homeowner, in the city of Watertown for almost 15 years, I know that where I selected my home to be was by choice. However, being that I have lived here long enough and have witnessed the traffic, I feel I have enough experience to ask the city to do some type of markings on the street to better control the parking. My original request was to have the ends of all curbs and driveways marked in yellow paint (i.e.: South 4th, 5th, 6th, and Dodge St). When speaking with Mr. Romlein, he mentioned that the city does not do that anymore, so I didn't think there was any reason to continue to pursue. However, when Mr. Bartz followed up with me, he mentioned that there still could be options. He called me today to inform me that I was invited to a meeting with the Public Safety Committee to discuss my concerns. However, I am leaving for vacation the morning of May 5th and asked if I could send an email in case, I wasn't able to make the meeting.

I have owned my home for almost 15 years. During that time, I have watched lots of traffic come and go from Turner Hall, the Watertown Post Office and the Apostolic Gospel Lighthouse Church. I've watched cars and trucks attempt to fit 3-4 vehicles in a spot that, realistically, should only have 2-3 cars parked in it. On weekends of big events at Turner Hall, people have left their cars parked on Dodge St and 5th St overnight and sometimes 2 days later. I've called the police department to check on the safety of the car owner in the past, and sadly they issue parking tickets, when my concern was for the person and hoping they were ok. I've backed out of my garage and on several occasions, almost been t-boned from cars coming off South 5th street, turning on to Dodge St, as they can't see me coming out of my garage because of the number of vehicles packed into this small side street. My neighbor, Kathryn Kangas owns her home on South 6th and Dodge St. Her garage is also on Dodge St and people park so close to the end of the street and her driveway that she can't see getting out of her driveway either. She has at times, parked her car in the street, to keep people from the church, post office and Turner Hall from parking too close to her driveway. Fred Soto rents the lower apartment on South 6th and Dodge St and his garage is on Dodge St, directly next to mine. His is a small garage and he doesn't park vehicles in the garage, but he does have a driveway next to the garage for him and the upstairs tenant. There are times that people have done the same, parking too close to his driveway or literally parking directly in front of his garage, which is challenging, because we share a driveway. I had one gentleman in a pickup truck that parked partially in front of my garage and directly in front of Fred's garage just to go to the post office. When I told him that my husband was leaving for work and he was parking him it, he got mad at me and refused to move his truck so that my husband could leave for work. We patiently waited for him to return so that my husband could leave for work.

What I need to point out is that even thou my house is 3 blocks off Main St, that this area should be continued part of the city business district. In times of snow conditions, the city clears the parking area in front of the post office, only. With the snow not being cleared on the side streets (i.e. 5th and Dodge st), people are parking almost in the middle of the street when going to church,

the post office and Turner Hall. Which then again, makes it more dangerous on these streets. Especially Dodge St, as the side street is not as wide as South 5th St.

I don't think people take into consideration that the amount of business that literally takes place in just this area. There is a funeral home a block north of my house and people park down South 5th St and Dodge St when attending the funeral. We have another church on South 5th St and Spring St. When the city has their holiday parade, the memorial parade, homecoming and other functions downtown, the traffic is congested, as people park on these streets for these events. The Apostolic Gospel Whitehouse Church now has a new pastor, since Pastor Greg Caldwell passed away last year, and they are having more sermons and events almost every day of the week. Not only weddings but community events are picking up at Turner Hall and so is the parking. We have a daycare between Jefferson St and Dodge St on S. 5th St. Let's think of the safety of those families and children as they come and go throughout the day. I would also like to add the parking for the post office employees Monday through Friday, and sometimes Saturday.

I would like to add a small note here about how people park in front of the post office. There is a section on the South side of Dodge St directly in front of the post office. It's a grooved area and I can tell you for certain that people don't take that as an area "not" to park, because they want to park directly in front of the post office. They will back in there at an angle and leave the front end of their vehicle in the street for other cars to drive around. If any markings are to be included, I would include the rounded edges of those grooved parking areas.

As I write this letter, I think of all the parking problems on Jefferson, Dodge and Spring St and I would like to think that I am not the only person who has these types of concerns in my community.

When speaking to Dan Bartz today, he mentioned something about putting up signs for parking. If I may, I would like to point out a few things. There are 3 driveways on Dodge St, in this small block area between South 5th and 6th Street. One handicap parking spot in front of the church on Dodge St. Not knowing what signs, you would be referring to or what they would say, I do believe that there could be more than one sign and how/where you'd place them would be of concern. We've had trees removed from the boulevard on both the North and the South side of Dodge St. and since then, the boulevard is more uneven on the South side. This makes it complicated and hazardous when mowing and maintaining the boulevard because the workers never came back to fill in the ground to level and I stepped into an uneven area and fell into the street. Thankfully, the lawn mower turned off when it toppled upside down into the street next to me. I was grateful I wasn't run over, because it was during business hours of the post office and cars were just driving around me. City workers came a few weeks ago to evaluate my lead water lines and while they were here, they hammered the water line down farther in the ground on the boulevard on South 5th St. because it was too high while mowing the boulevard. I have education degrees in Business, Accounting and Human Resources, as well as 30 years of work experience in these fields. I could see how a sign would be cost beneficial to the city. I would like to be optimistic that

the signs would work, but my pessimism still believes that there needs to be lines drawn in the streets to better control the parking.

As a homeowner in the City of Watertown, I know that my tax monies are allotted towards expenditures needed to make things better in the city. I don't deny that we need those improvements for the community. I am asking all of you to look at the area in which I own my home and inform me what you can offer to make the parking situation better not only on Dodge St between South 5th and 6th St, but also in the surrounding streets. I am not aware of what the costs would be to place white parking spot lines or to paint yellow on the edges of all driveways and corners in areas not just surrounding my house, but the community of which I live.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing how you can help.

Respectfully,

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MEMO

TO: Chairperson Fred Smith and Committee Members

FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.

DATE: July 1, 2022

RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Following are the agenda items for the above referenced Committee meeting:

- Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Dodge and S. 3rd Street

BACKGROUND:

Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Dodge and S. 3rd Street:
Alderperson Davis received a concern from a resident as it pertains to visibility at the above-mentioned intersection. The resident's concern is that when traveling west on Dodge and they attempt to turn left (south) onto 3rd Street cars parked in front of 311 S. 3rd Street block their view. A site map is attached for your reference.

ATTACHMENTS

Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Dodge and S. 3rd Street:

- Email
- Site Map

From: [Fred Smith](#)
To: [Jaynellen Holloway](#)
Cc: [Dana Davis](#)
Subject: Fw: Public Safety Committee - Process Question
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:40:26 PM

Good afternoon, Jaynellen,

Below is the email I received from Alderperson Davis that we spoke about last evening. If you could consider the concerns and recommend the next best step, including placing it on a future PS&W agenda, that would be wonderful.

Also, if there is a way to consolidate our July and August meetings into a single one, I think the Committee would appreciate just one more during the summer.

Thanks for your help.

Fred

From: Dana Davis
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 4:20 PM
To: Fred Smith
Subject: Public Safety Committee - Process Question

Alderperson Smith,

A resident has contacted me about two traffic areas that she considers to be problematic.

Hat Creek Candle Shop

- Traveling west on Dodge and trying to turn left on S 3rd St.
- Cars parked in front of the Hat Creek Candle Shop block her view.

4th St. and Division

- Travelling west on Division and trying to turn left on 4th.
- Cars parked in front of the house on Division and 4th block her view.

What steps should she take to have her concern discussed by the Public Safety Committee?

Thanks.

Dana Davis

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TO: Chairperson Fred Smith and Committee Members

FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.

DATE: July 1, 2022

RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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- Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Division and N. 4th Streets

BACKGROUND:

Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Division and N. 4th Streets: Alderperson Davis received a concern from a resident as it pertains to visibility at the above referenced intersection. This intersection has come before this committee several times since 2013 (June 2021, November 2020, May 2019, March 2014, and April 1997). Below are the minutes from those meetings. The City will need to budget funding to purchase the house at 513 N. 4th Street, so that the intersection can be improved as well as site distance. Until then, this item will continue to come up and nothing will be resolved. An site map is attached for your use.

Intersection of Division and N. Fourth Streets - Background

June 2, 2021:

9. Review and take action: results of stop sign study at the intersection of E. Division Street and N. Fourth Street. Beyer provided a traffic study of this intersection which included the recommendation from the Wisconsin Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Section 26.07 which recommends that no action be taken. This intersection has been an issue at many meetings for several years. No viable and acceptable solution has been suggested. The MUTCD cites low vehicle volume, no evidence of traffic slowdown, vehicle conflicts or pedestrian conflicts during the traffic study. Motion to Deny Romlein. Second Licht. Unanimous.

Nov. 18, 2020:

Agenda item 4: Discuss speeding North Fourth Street and Division.; Chief K: discussion about accidents 3 in 4 years in the area in question. Intersection has come up yearly with different issues. Andrew: asked about 4 way stop or 3 way stop and yield sign. Recommend a study (TBD) on the intersection. Action: Karen Wendt 2nd by Bob Wetzal to have engineering to move forward on the study, carried 3-0.

May 8, 2019:

Section 4, Item H.

7. [Agenda Item 7] *Visibility at the Intersection of N. Fourth Street and Division Street: Alderpersons asked that the intersection of N. Fourth and Division Streets be brought forth for review as to any possible solutions to increase visibility at this intersection. City Engineer Jaynellen Holloway provided additional information to the committee on previous reviews of this intersection by the Public Safety and Welfare Committee from 1997 to 2014. Previous actions had included the Police Department asking residents in the area to refrain from parking high profile vehicles in the line of sight for vehicles waiting to enter Fourth Street from Division Street. The configuration of this intersection, with buildings from the south and the angle and a tree to the north all contribute to restricting visibility. Police Chief Kaminski provide the crash data from this intersection in the last 2 plus years as 3 accidents occurred at this location. Chief Kaminski stated that the visibility restraints on this intersection were not directly responsible for the accidents but agreed that this location is a concern. Discussion occurred regarding possible actions such as restricting high profile vehicles parking, requesting residents again to not park high profile vehicles. The number of accidents at this intersection does indicate that this issue should be reviewed further. It was agreed to look towards using the current visibility standards ordinance and review if this intersection met the standard of the ordinance. Alderperson Ruetten made a motion to have the City Engineering Department evaluate the intersection in compliance with the visibility standard ordinance and report this information back to the Committee for further action, motion seconded by Alderperson Mudler and motion carried unanimously. Engineering provided a verbal update the without the removal of 513 N 4th Street, not a lot can be done to improve sight distance at this intersection.*

March 26, 2014:

4. *Visibility at the Intersection of N. Fourth Street and Division Street—This is a difficult intersection, especially because of the bend in N. Fourth Street, obscuring visibility from the south. However, concern has arisen about poor visibility for those turning right as well, partially from cars parked on the east side of the street as well as a large tree. The Committee asked the Engineering Department to review this intersection and make recommendations at the next meeting. Engineering provided a verbal update that a full study would be needed, but not in the budget. The house at 513 N. 4th Street would need to be removed to improve visibility.*

April 22, 1997:

3) *N. FOURTH ST. & DIVISION ST. INTERSECTION: A citizen concern about this intersection has been received. Pete presented accident data for the intersection for the past seven years. Sixteen incidents have been reported during the past seven years. Most were of the inattentive driving variety and none involved serious injury. The committee recommends no action at this time.*

ATTACHMENTS

Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Division and N. 4th Streets:

- Site Map

